Excavation of Harappan ruins

2656. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the sites where ruins of Harappan civilization are expected to be found;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start the excavation at any of the sites; and

(c) what are the places where from the Harappan ruins have been excavated during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) From the surface explorations over 900 sites in India have been identified where Harappan ruins are expected to be found.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Harappan remains have been excavated at the sites of Nageshwar and Rojdi in Gujarat, Balu and Banawali in Haryana, Rohira and Sunet in Punjab, Hulas in Uttar Pradesh and also in the Union Territory of Chandigarh during the past three years.

Allegations against the appointment of officers in the Air India

2657. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were allegations against the appointment of Shri N. Natraj, Flight Purser and Shri D. Raman, Technical Officer in the Air India; and

(b) if so, what action was taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Air India do not have any Flight Purser named N. Natraj. However, they have a Flight Purser named N. Nagarajan. He was appointed as Assistant Filght Purser on 5th March, 1976. There was a representation from the Scheduled Caste Rights Protection Society of Hyderabad, questioning the genuineness of the S. C. status claimed by Shri Nagarajan.

Enquiries were made in the matter. The school authorities where he studied did not state anything categorically on the subject. The Government of Andhra Pradesh stated that the certificate produced by Shri Nagarajan did not appear to be genuine. Shri Nagarajan was, therefore, charge-sheeted by the competent authority on the charge of furnishing wrong information at the time of employment.

A Departmental Enquiry Committee was constituted which found Shri Nagarajan not guilty of the charge. The competent authority accepted the report and acquitted Shri Nagarajan.

Shri D. Raman is presently working with Air India as Technical Officer. He was alleged to have furnished false information regarding his previous experience and age at the time of joining Air India as Aircraft Technician.

Investigation in the matter revealed that out of the total previous experience of three years and one month claimed by Shri D. Raman at the time of joining as Aircraft Technician, 18 months experience overlapped with his education at Bombay and Manipal; two different dates of birth were shown in the certificates submitted by him namely 5th June, 1958 and 5th Jun e,1956.

After following the laid down procedure and obtaining Shri Raman's explanation, etc. he was awarded the following punishment:—

(i) Suspension on loss of pay and allowances for four days.

(ii) Extension of probationary period as Junior Technical Officer by 15